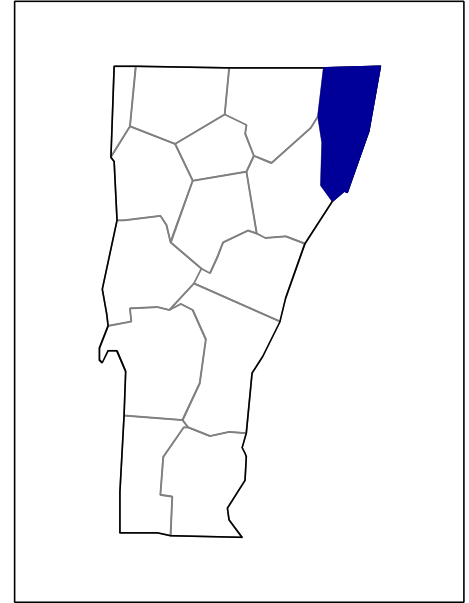


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Number of farms

98 farms in 2002, 89 farms in 1997, up 10 percent.

Land in farms

19,838 acres in 2002, 25,443 acres in 1997, down 22 percent.

Average size of farm

202 acres in 2002, 286 acres in 1997, down 29 percent.

Market Value of Production

\$6,790,000 in 2002, \$6,867,000 in 1997, down 1 percent.

Crop sales accounted for \$969,000 of the total value in 2002.

Livestock sales accounted for \$5,821,000 of the total value in 2002.

Market Value of Production, average per farm

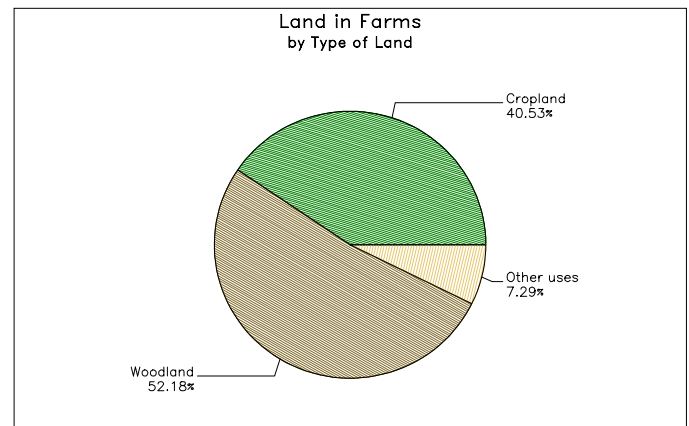
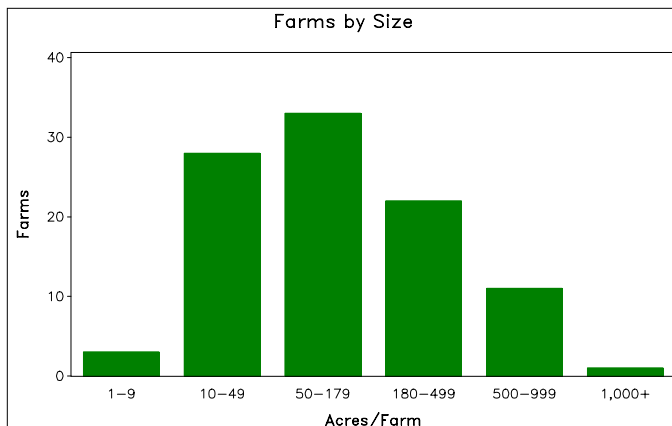
\$69,283 in 2002, \$77,161 in 1997, down 10 percent.

Government Payments

\$281,000 in 2002, \$37,000 in 1997, up 659 percent.

Government Payments, average per farm receiving payments

\$15,595 in 2002, \$1,973 in 1997, up 690 percent.



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Essex, Vermont

Ranked items among the 14 state counties and 3,078 U.S. counties, 2002

Item	Quantity	State Rank	Universe ¹	U.S. Rank	Universe ¹
MARKET VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SOLD (\$1,000)					
Total value of agricultural products sold	6,790	14	14	2,661	3,075
Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	969	14	14	2,739	3,070
Value of livestock, poultry, and their products	5,821	13	14	2,248	3,070
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	-	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	-	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	285	4	13	187	1,774
Other crops and hay	346	13	14	2,194	3,046
Poultry and eggs	10	13	14	1,987	2,918
Cattle and calves	293	14	14	2,856	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	5,483	13	14	587	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	13	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	2	14	14	2,823	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	22	14	14	2,737	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	11	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	14	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Cattle and calves	4,172	13	14	2,601	3,059
Layers 20 weeks old and older	440	13	14	1,999	2,983
Sheep and lambs	115	14	14	2,212	2,867
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	60	13	14	2,014	2,599
Horses and ponies	47	14	14	3,015	3,065
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	4,752	14	14	2,352	3,059
Corn for silage	1,505	14	14	903	2,307
Cut Christmas trees	520	3	14	177	1,877
Potatoes	(D)	1	14	(D)	1,551
Apples	(D)	13	14	(D)	2,173

Other County Highlights

Economic Characteristics	Quantity
Farms by value of sales	
Less than \$1,000	23
\$1,000 to \$2,499	15
\$2,500 to \$4,999	17
\$5,000 to \$9,999	12
\$10,000 to \$19,999	2
\$20,000 to \$24,999	1
\$25,000 to \$39,999	4
\$40,000 to \$49,999	2
\$50,000 to \$99,999	6
\$100,000 to \$249,999	7
\$250,000 to \$499,999	5
\$500,000 or more	4
Total farm production expenses (\$1,000)	5,662
Average per farm (\$)	60,880
Net cash farm income of operation (\$1,000)	1,396
Average per farm (\$)	15,010

Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	51
Other	47
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	88
Female	10
Average age of principal operator (years)	55.0
All operators ² by race:	
White	161
Black or African American	-
American Indian or Alaska Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators ² of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

(D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than half of the unit shown. See "Census of Agriculture, Volume 1, Geographic Area Series" for complete footnotes.

¹ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with item.

² Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm.